

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to for informalities. In response, a replacement drawing sheet including FIGs. 1 and 2 is enclosed. Further, the specification has been amended for conformance with the replacement figures and to support each of the elements of the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings and specification are in proper form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawings objection and approval of the enclosed replacement drawing.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to for informalities. In response to the objection for lack of headings, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestion, however respectfully decline to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a). In response to the objections to informalities identified on page 5 of the specification, page 5 of the specification has been amended to

correct the noted informalities. In response to the objection for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for claim 7 in the specification, the specification has been amended to provide a proper antecedence basis for claim 7. With the above noted changes, it is respectfully submitted that the specification is in proper form. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 are objected to due to informalities. In response, the claims have been amended to correct the noted informalities. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claims 1-10 be withdrawn.

Furthermore, claims 1-10, the specification and abstract are amended for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Further amendments include changing "A" to --The-- for beginning dependent claims. Claims 1-10, the specification and abstract were not amended to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by International Publication No. 98/38547 (Paris). It

is respectfully submitted that claim 1-13 are allowable for the following reasons.

It is noted that Faris has more than 50 figures and 119 pages of text qualifying this patent as "complex". Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.104, the Examiner must indicate how the reference is being applied. Since the reference is complex, Applicants will confine their remarks to those portions cited by the Examiner, except as otherwise indicated. Applicants make no representation as to the contents of other portions of the reference.

Faris is directed towards an electro-optical glazing structure having total-reflection, semi-transparent and totally-transparent modes of operation (Abstract). FIG. 14 shows layers 28A and 28B and FIGs. 10 and 10E of Faris shows a retardation layer 21 between elements 22A and 22B. Even, in arguendo, if the element 22A is considered a first plane and the outside lawyer of 22B is considered the display device, there is no disclosure or suggestion of a switchable polarizer between the display device and the polarizing mirror as required by claim 1 of the present application. This requirement is simply not disclosed or suggested in Faris.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Faris. For example, Faris does not disclose or suggest, a system that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) a

polarizing mirror for viewing purposes having a first plane reflecting light of a first kind of polarization to a viewing side, the polarizing mirror passing light of a second kind of polarization and being provided with a display device at its non-viewing side, which display device during use provides light of the second kind of polarization, the polarizing mirror being switchable between a state passing light of the second kind of polarization and reflecting light of the first kind of polarization and a state passing light of both kinds of polarization, the polarizing mirror having at the non-viewing side, a switchable polarizer between the display device and the polarizing mirror

as required by claim 1.

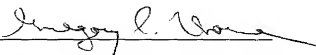
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over Faris and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-13 respectively depend from one of claim 1 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims. For example, Faris does not disclosure or suggest an LCD device positioned next to a $1/4 \lambda$ foil

as recited in claim 11, a switchable polarizer positioned between a $1/4 \lambda$ foil and a $1/2 \lambda$ foil as recited in claim 12, and an area of the display unit is smaller than an area of the first plane as recited in claim 13 of the present application. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed: New Abstract
 Replacement drawing sheet

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